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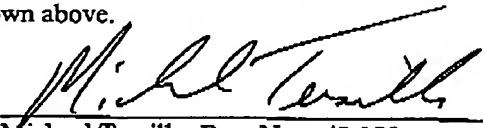
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2. Applicant is

___ a small entity. A verified statement:
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3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1-5) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<u> </u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u> </u> two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<u> </u> three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<u> </u> four months	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 740.00

Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

 An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

OR

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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___ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
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- (c) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required.

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- (d) ___ Total additional fee for claims required \$___

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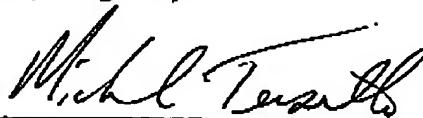
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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

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